

MINUTES

Thursday, December 10, 1998

Public Service Commission Board Room, 12th Floor

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by chair, Linda Davis. Board members present were Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. ESPB staff members present were Janet Placek, Deb Jensen, Bonnie Thompson and Diane Weber. Visitors present were Gary Gronberg from DPI, Helen Busche and Max Laird from NDEA, Rachel Disrud a legislator, August Ritter from the Bismarck Teacher Learning Center and Doug Bahr from the Attorney General's Office.

Board member not attending the meeting: Laura Carney.

A motion was made by Maryjane to approve the November board minutes. Seconded by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

Bonnie gave the financial report and budget update. November is considered a slow revenue month; therefore, funds will need to be taken out of savings. Linda thanked Bonnie for the easy to read financial/budget reports.

Diane distributed the newly designed teaching application form. Lauri Nord, an ESPB associate, revised the application form. Diane also distributed the various committee assignment listings. It was decided at the board meeting that whenever a new board member joins the board, the new/incoming board member would replace the outgoing committee member. The Media Committee and the Fingerprinting Committees have been disbanded.

Deb informed the board of the administrative rules hearing which is scheduled for December 16, 1998. The program approval standards revisions manual, thirty areas need to be revised. Deb would like to do ten areas per year. Deb distributed copies of the newsletter. A newsletter mailing will be sent to NDEA contacts, schools, teacher centers and legislative representatives. The legislative representatives will receive the current newsletter, plus copies of the old newsletter.

Janet reported on the NASDTEC director's conference she attended in Nashville in mid November. Janet has met with various groups/individuals, including the college deans, the

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Bridges Stirring Committee and Mary College staff. She will also be meeting with Vocational Education, NDEA, DPI and Educational Leaders regarding upcoming legislation. The personnel policy manual sections, which were listed on the agenda, will be reviewed at the January board meeting.

A presentation was made by Janet and Bonnie on option projections for increased licensure fees. After much discussion, a motion was made by Don to raise the fees effective June 1, 1999, using option 2 (attached). Seconded by Mary. Motion carried. Board members voting yes: Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

August Ritter, project director, informed the board on Project Launch. Dollars for the project are from Goals 2000 monies. The project is in its 3rd year. Mr. Ritter's discussion dealt with the Project Launch mentorship.

CASES

Harley Goodbear

Janet will notify the Spokane authorities that we have received no information from Mr. Goodbear.

Anthony Copley

Janet reported that Montana certification/licensure office has no information on where Mr. Copley is teaching. ESPB will flag the database so if/when Mr. Copley tries to renew his ND teaching license, it will be considered board action at that time.

Brenda Malo (administrative board action)

A motion was made by Randy to drop the case due to lack of information. Seconded by Bev. Motion carried. The administrative board voting yes: Doug, Bev, Maryjane and Randy.

Larry Walker

Janet informed the board that Mr. Walker has contacted the office to apply for a teaching license. Mr. Walker was denied a license in December 1997 for one year, due to providing false information on his application. Upon completion of a new application and pending a background check, Mr. Walker will then be issued a ND license.

Rachel Quam

Ms. Quam was teaching without a valid ND license for 68 instructional days. A motion was made by Mary to issue a license when Ms. Quam has been out of the classroom for 68 instructional days. Her license will be issued on February 12. Seconded by Doug. . Board

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members voting yes: were Mary Harris, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Board member voting no: Don Haugen.

Rebecca Romfo

Ms. Romfo was teaching without a valid ND license for 63 instructional days. A motion was made by Mary to issue a license when Ms. Ramfo has been out of the classroom for 63 instruction days. Her license will be issued on March 18. Seconded by Doug. Board members voting yes were Mary Harris, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Board member voting no: Don Haugen.

Paul Solberg

Mr. Solberg's application was presented to the board for board action due to Mr. Solberg's background check. A motion was made by Don to issue a license. Seconded by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

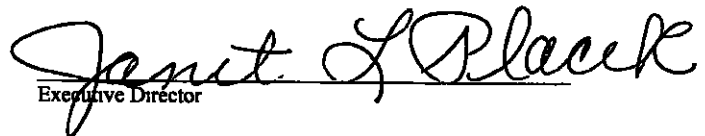
Lorne Monson

Janet is still waiting to hear from the administrative law judge for his decision.

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 14 & 15, 1999


Board Chair

Attachment


Executive Director